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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS

FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM  
AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

1. JOSEPH LUNS PLANS TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN MAY 27 AND MAY 31. HE HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM HOPE COLLEGE IN HOLLAND, MICHIGAN. IN FACT, HE AGREED TO GO TO MICHIGAN PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE IT PROVIDES HIM THE OCCASION TO MAKE A LONG PLANNED VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. LUNS HAS LET ME KNOW GRACEFULLY BUT FORMALLY THAT HE WOULD VERY

MUCH LIKE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, AND BOTH OF YOU DURING THIS VISIT. I RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT HE BE RECEIVED BY ALL THREE. THE REASONS FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION ARE SO WELL KNOWN BY YOU THAT I WILL NOT TAKE YOUR TIME BY SETTING THEM FORTH HERE, BUT IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS IN SETTING UP A FULL AND COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR LUNS AND YOU THINK I SHOULD WEIGH IN WITH A STATEMENT ON LUNS' VALUE TO U.S. INTERESTS I WILL BE GLAD TO DO SO.

3. OBVIOUSLY THE WASHINGTON SCHEDULE TAKES PRIORITY OVER EVENTS IN MICHIGAN AND THE LATTER WOULD BE SCHEDULED ACCORDING TO THE  
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FORMER. IF THERE IS A CHOICE LUNS WOULD PREFER TO GO TO WASHINGTON AFTER VISITING MICHIGAN I.E. MAY 29-31. IN THAT CONNECTION, I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT THING FROM THE NATO IMAGE POINT OF VIEW FOR LUNS TO HAVE ONE OR TWO SIGNIFICANT FORUMS

FOR SPEECHES IN THE MID-WEST. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE ECONOMIC CLUB  
OF DETROIT HAS A LONG OUTSTANDING INVITATION FOR LUNS TO SPEAK.  
I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS WITH LUNS BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE  
ANY IDEAS YOU MIGHT LIKE ME TO PASS TO HIM.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS.  
RUMSFELD

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